

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Office Action dated 07 June 2006. Responsive to the Office Action, Claims 1,2, 9, 10 & 12 have been amended to clarify the combination of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application., Claims 3, 5, 7, 8, and 11 have been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-2, 6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)(2) as being anticipated by Thorland et al., U.S. Patent Application Publication #2005/0170686. Additionally, the Examiner rejected Claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thorland in view of Liao, U.S. Patent #6,337,444, and Claims 7-9, and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Thorland in view of Sugita, U.S. Patent Application Publication #2003/0184521.

Before discussing the prior art relied upon by the Examiner in the Official Action, it is believed that it would be beneficial to briefly describe the invention of the subject Patent Application. The subject Patent Application is directed to computer peripheral with a cable reeling device. The peripheral includes a cable reeling device having a housing and a communication cable wound in a first portion of the housing. The communication cable includes a first end and a second end respectively connecting with a first connector and a second connector. The communication cable is wound with at least the first end

thereof being retractably extendable from the housing. The housing has a receiving space formed in a second portion thereof, the second portion of the housing being disposed adjacent to the first portion of said housing. The peripheral further includes a mouse device detachably coupled to the housing in the receiving space. The mouse device has a third connector electrically connected to the second connector. The mouse device is separable from the housing and the third connector is disconnected from the second connector. The cable reeling device is then independently operable to electrically couple anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices to a computer.

It is respectfully submitted that Thorland discloses a personal computer with a retractable cable mechanism, specifically, “The retractable cable mechanism is coupled to an extendable cable 26 that allows a user to interconnect the first and second computing devices using a cable that may be retracted inside of the personal computer when not in use”. Alternately, the retractable system 20 can be disposed in the peripheral device. The cable mechanism of Thorland is internal to, and integral with a computer or peripheral device, only cable adapters 23 stored on storage tray 22 are removable from the housing of the computer or peripheral. Nowhere does the reference disclose or suggest the cable reeling device having a housing having a receiving space formed in a second portion thereof, the second portion of the housing being disposed adjacent to the first portion of the housing, and a mouse device detachably coupled to the housing in the

receiving space, wherein the mouse device is separable from the housing and the third connector is disconnected from the second connector, wherein the cable reeling device is then independently operable to electrically couple anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices to a computer, as now claimed. Further, Thorland fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device having a third connector electrically connected to the second connector, as now claimed. Thorland does not disclose or suggest a reeling device that is used with a mouse device or can be separated from the mouse device for independent use of the retractable cable. The separate use of the cable reeling device is facilitated by the mouse device having a third connector that is connected to and disconnectable from the second connector of the communication cable, which is neither disclosed nor suggest by the reference either.

Additionally, Thorland fails to disclose or suggest the receiving portion of the housing having a through hole formed therein, and the mouse device having a position sensor aligned with the through hole, as now claimed. The reference further fails to disclose or suggest an upper cover overlaying said housing, the upper cover being releasably coupled to the first portion of the housing and extending over the receiving space and defining operable buttons depressible to operate corresponding switches of the mouse device, as now claimed. Still further, the reference fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device and the upper cover each being formed with a respective plurality of posts

on a bottom portion thereof, the posts being respectively releasably engaged with corresponding engaging holes formed in the housing, as now claimed.

As Thorland fails to disclose each and every element of the invention of the subject Patent Application, as now claimed, it cannot anticipate that invention. Further, as Thorland fails to suggest such a combination, and in fact teaches away from that combination, in that it requires the reeling device to be integral with the peripheral and not separable to be independently operable for use in connecting other devices to a computer, it cannot make obvious that invention either.

The Liao reference does not overcome the deficiencies of Thorland. The Liao reference is directed to a wire winding box with a replaceable connecting receptacle. While the cable of the device can be used to couple a mouse to a computer, as shown in Fig. 6, no does the reference disclose the a structure for removably combining the cable reeling device with a mouse device. Nowhere does the reference disclose or suggest the cable reeling device having a housing having a receiving space formed in a second portion thereof, the second portion of the housing being disposed adjacent to the first portion of the housing, and a mouse device detachably coupled to the housing in the receiving space, wherein the mouse device is separable from the housing and the third connector is disconnected from the second connector, wherein the cable reeling device is then independently operable to electrically couple anyone of a plurality of peripheral

devices to a computer, as now claimed. Further, Liao fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device having a third connector electrically connected to the second connector, as now claimed.

Additionally, Liao fails to disclose or suggest the receiving portion of the housing having a through hole formed therein, and the mouse device having a position sensor aligned with the through hole, as now claimed. The reference further fails to disclose or suggest an upper cover overlaying said housing, the upper cover being releasably coupled to the first portion of the housing and extending over the receiving space and defining operable buttons depressible to operate corresponding switches of the mouse device, as now claimed. Still further, the reference fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device and the upper cover each being formed with a respective plurality of posts on a bottom portion thereof, the posts being respectively releasably engaged with corresponding engaging holes formed in the housing, as now claimed.

As neither Thorland nor Liao disclose or suggest the concatenation of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application, as now claimed, and in fact teach away from that combination, they cannot in combination make obvious that invention.

The Sugita reference does not overcome the deficiencies of Thorland. The Sugita reference discloses a mouse with a retractable cord. Thus, this reference, like Thorland,

discloses a cable reeling device that is fixedly and integrally part of the computer peripheral (mouse). Nowhere does the reference disclose or suggest that the cable reeling device is independently useable from the mouse structure. Nowhere does the reference disclose or suggest the cable reeling device having a housing having a receiving space formed in a second portion thereof, the second portion of the housing being disposed adjacent to the first portion of the housing, and a mouse device detachably coupled to the housing in the receiving space, wherein the mouse device is separable from the housing and the third connector is disconnected from the second connector, wherein the cable reeling device is then independently operable to electrically couple anyone of a plurality of peripheral devices to a computer, as now claimed. Further, Sugita fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device having a third connector electrically connected to the second connector, as now claimed. In fact, the reference only discloses a single connector, which is clearly contrary to a cable reeling device that is separable from the mouse and independently useable.

Additionally, Sugita fails to disclose or suggest the receiving portion of the housing having a through hole formed therein, and the mouse device having a position sensor aligned with the through hole, as now claimed. The reference further fails to disclose or suggest an upper cover overlaying said housing, the upper cover being releasably coupled to the first portion of the housing and extending over the receiving

space and defining operable buttons depressible to operate corresponding switches of the mouse device, as now claimed.

While the reference discloses the use of posts to couple one portion of the mouse housing to another, such affixes the two portions of the housing together and is not disclosed as providing a releasable coupling. Therefore, the reference fails to disclose or suggest the mouse device and the upper cover each being formed with a respective plurality of posts on a bottom portion thereof, the posts being respectively releasably engaged with corresponding engaging holes formed in the housing, as now claimed.

As neither Thorland nor Sugita disclose or suggest the concatenation of elements that form the invention of the subject Patent Application, as now claimed, and in fact teach away from that combination, they cannot in combination make obvious that invention.

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For all the forgoing reasons, it is now believed the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is now respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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